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job was not being done as well as it should be.

Lee will be asked to attend the next council meeting and discuss the matter.

The council took what they believe to be a positive step toward the establishment of a solid recreation program for the town. They appointed a parks and recreation board.

The board members, who will serve with no compensation, will establish policy, direction and supervision of the town's recreational program.

Appointments to the seven-member board were as follows: Cathy Sawyer, 5 year term; Barbara Cole, 4 year term; Joe Simmons, 3 year term; Larry Lewis, 2 year term; Donnie Smith, 2 year term; Charles Driggers, 1 year term; and Mary Paul, 1 year term.

Police Chief Charles Driggers reported that his department, during the month of July, answered 8 complaints, made 7 arrests, and investigated 1 automobile accident.

He also noted that patrolmen issued 43 traffic citations, most of which were for speeding.

Driggers stated that during the same time period, the rescue squad made 25 runs while the fire department answered 3 calls.

The chief told council members that he hoped his department would soon be receiving compensation from the United Postal Service.

In June, the police department assisted postal inspectors in a case involving \$7,300.00 that was found in the local post office. Driggers said that it is possible his department will receive 20 percent of those funds recovered.

During the general business from council members, Councilman Charles Cole asked that the council consider paying for the repair of damages to Chief Driggers' van.

Several months ago, the chief, while on his personal van, was responding to a call for assistance from one of his officers when a vehicle ran into him.

According to estimates, the cost of repairing the van will be just over \$800.00.

After several minutes of discussing the matter, the council voted to repair the chief's vehicle. Mayor

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Kathryn Holley cast the lone dissenting vote while Councilman Miles abstained.

The matter, which had been discussed at previous council meetings, was finally laid to rest.

Members of the council agreed that a policy should be established to deal with this type of situation in the future.

Just prior to adjourning, Councilman Jack Caradine resigned as head of the recreation department and also stated that he would not be seeking re-election to the town council.

Other actions taken by the council were as follows:

***Scheduled the next council meeting for Monday, September 11, 1995 instead of September 4 which is Labor Day.

***Approved payment of bills to

totaling \$4,700.83.

***Agreed to disconnect the phone at the recreation department.

***Advised that the computer community bulletin board, which is in cooperation with Auburn University, was operational.

***Nominated Bill Lockwood to the equalization board. The appointment will be made at the state level from nominations received from town, city, and county governing bodies throughout the state.

***Council informed that ADECA (Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs) has accepted the town's audit report on the CDBG Grant.

***Approved the purchase of tires for the street department's trash truck.

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solate school buses. The total cost of the last bus purchased was about \$47,000.

Bids will also be sought with the option of having air conditioning installed on the new bus. That would be to allow more use of the unit on outside trips by sports teams, etc.

Pearce reported on the recently completed Alabama legislative session and what it appears to mean to the Elba schools.

The capital projects money the school has or is getting will be used to complete the softball/haseball complex and a new bus shop. The ball field complex is expected to cost \$80,000 and includes lighting, fencing and construction of a press box and concession stand.

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ZION CHAPEL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SUPPLY LISTS

Kindergarten

- Crayons (8 basic colors)
- 2 standard size pencils
- Elmer's School Glue
- Blunt-ended scissors
- School box
- Construction paper (assorted colors)
- Nap pad
- Primary writing table (broken lines)
- Book bag
- Kleenex
- 2 rolls of paper towels
- Liquid soap

Please put your child's name on all supplies!

First Grade

- Primary writing tablet, 7/8" broken lines
- Crayons
- Scissors
- Pencils
- Construction paper
- School box
- Kleenex
- Book satchel
- 2 rolls paper towels
- Elmer's School Glue
- 1 spiral notebook (wide-ruled)
- Liquid soap

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Second Grade

- Wide-ruled writing paper
- Crayons (8 or 16)
- Scissors
- Glue
- Pencils
- Construction paper
- 2 composition notebooks (wide-ruled)
- Plastic pencil keeper or zip lock bag
- Kleenex
- Liquid soap
- Paper towels
- No Trapper Keepers
- No pencil boxes.

Third Grade

- Wide-ruled writing paper
- Crayons
- Glue
- Pencils
- Construction paper
- 2 rolls paper towels
- 2 boxes Kleenex
- 4 single subject composition notebooks (wide-ruled)

Coffee County Schools Menu

August 15-18, 1995

- BREAKFAST**
Tuesday - Pop Tan, Cereal, Juice, Milk.
Wednesday - French Toast & Syrup, Sausage Patties, Cereal, Juice, Milk.
Thursday - Breakfast Pizza, Cereal, Juice, Milk.
Friday - Scrambled Eggs, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk.
- LUNCH**
Tuesday - Pizza or Corned, Tossed Salad, English Peas, Fruit, Pickle Spear, Milk.
Wednesday - Steak Fingers or Fried Chicken, Ranch Mashed Potatoes, Italian Green Beans, Fruit, Milk.
Thursday - Fish or Sloppy Joe Sandwich, Cole Slaw, Mixed Vegetables, Fruit, Milk, Ice Cream.
Friday - Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Ham Sandwich, French Vegetables w/Dr. Potato Salad, Garlic Bread, Cheese Slice, Fruit, Milk.

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Zion Chapel Elementary School will hold an early registration on Monday, August 14, between the hours of 3:00 and 7:00 p.m. Please plan to come and complete your child's registration, bring supplies, and pay for meals and snacks during this time. We hope this will help accommodate many of our working parents and eliminate much of the first day congestion.

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PERMITTING PROCESS COST CITY OVER \$40,000.00

City of Elba to open new inert landfill

by Ferrin Cox
Publisher

The Elba City Council heard Monday night that over three years of efforts in Montgomery have paid off. The city now has official approval to open the long planned inert landfill on city owned property just off the Samson Highway.

To open the new facility the city must construct a sediment pond and dig the first cell. All this must be

done according to ADEM specifications.

Engineer David Welch was unable to give council members a cost estimate on completing the opening. He asked the members of the governing body just what part they planned to complete themselves and what would be contracted.

City Clerk Henry Clark suggested they contract the building of the pond and clearing and grubbing for the garbage cells. Clark said city crews could dig the cell while getting dirt to cover the week's trash.

He also recommended the city purchase a used chipper to grind all limbs, etc. to save room and extend the life of the dump. He explained that these chips could then be used as mulch or as required cover for the other inert trash in the dump.

The engineering firm will proceed with engineering and overseeing the opening of the new dump. Once the new facility is open, they

will also begin the required procedure for closing the old dump.

This will mean covering with 18" of clay and 6" of top soil. The dump must then be terrace and graded.

A brief discussion followed a question by council member John W. Sharpless on the feasibility of opening the new landfill. He noted Elba could dump a lot of trash in the county landfill for the thousands being discussed. Coffee County charges \$17 per ton.

However, council members soon concluded the added cost of hauling the large volume of trash Elba generates would make this even more expensive.

Clark told the council that now that the permit has been issued, "We have got to move."

Elba has been getting extensions from ADEM to continue using the old landfill until the permitting process on the new one was completed. Clark said he didn't expect to receive any more extension from the agency.

Just before the vote Sharpless said, "We have no choice, the only thing we can do is start building our landfill."

The council voted unanimously to proceed with the new landfill. When Elba begins they will begin action to close the old one.

City council hires police officer and reviews EMT's proposal

by Ferrin Cox
Publisher

Bills totaling \$13,333.87 were approved for payment Monday evening by the Elba City Council. This included \$1,749.45 for chemicals, \$4,529.32 vehicle repairs, \$933.25 for a sprayer, \$826.00 for bleachers, \$745.89 for concession supplies and \$392.92 for asphalt mix.

All members were present, except Earl McCollough, who reportedly was busy cutting hay.

Police Chief Max Hooks recommended the council hire Reserve Officer Kenneth Jackson as a full time officer. Jackson will fill the vacancy created by the untimely death of Officer Greg Gay.

"Mr. Jackson is a certified officer and has been working for the Elba Police Department up to 20 hours per week free, and doing a good job," Hooks said.

The council voted unanimously to approved the employment of Jackson.

Hooks reported the department has responded to 26 complaints, issued 21 traffic citations. Un-authorized people continue to park in the handicapped zones and the police continue to issue tickets for this infraction. They also issued three DUI tickets.

There were 13 criminal arrest and the department investigated three au-

tomobile accidents.

The animal control officer picked up 31 dogs. Ten of these were adopted and three returned to their owners.

Tate Gatlin, Rt. 1, Jack, addressed the council with a proposal to help the Rescue Squad. A certified EMT, he offered to take all daytime calls Monday thru Friday from 6:00 a.m. until 2 p.m. for \$25 per day plus \$25 per call. This was one of the proposed options presented by the rescue squad at a recent city council meeting.

It is designed to solve a daytime staffing problem of the squad and improve response time to emergencies.

The council members referred to written legal opinions they requested and received concerning the city paying rescue workers. Both City Attorney Mark Vaughan and The League of Municipalities advised against such a move. It would increase insurance cost and expose the city to additional liability suits. The city council can donate to the rescue squad without being considered operating the emergency service, according to the legal opinions.

Council members agreed to recommend that Gatlin go to the rescue squad with his proposal.

Approval was given to purchase

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Deputies respond to possible hostage situation

by Marvin McLWain - Editor

Late Tuesday afternoon (August 8), Coffee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a possible hostage situation.

At approximately 5:49 p.m., the sheriff's department received a call from Charlotte Bullard who said that

persons were being held at her residence against their will.

Reportedly, Bullard had managed to escape from her residence and made it to a neighbor's house to call authorities. The residence is located on Co. Rd. 431, just off AL Hwy. 87 south of Elba.

Ms. Bullard told authorities that she, along with two other individuals,

Dana Spears and Randy Harrelson, had barricaded themselves in her home for about five hours before she managed to escape.

According to reports, Spears' estranged husband Edward Eugene Spears, 38, of Opp, came to the Bullard residence around 1:00 p.m. allegedly looking for a truck belonging to him.

He was accompanied by Charlene Ludlum, 47, and her two sons Keith Woods, 25, and Craig Woods, 30, all residents of Coffee County. Ludlum is Harrelson's former girlfriend.

Bullard told deputies that the three men made repeated attempts to enter her residence, but were unable to do so. Those inside the house had barricaded the door with a couch.

Allegedly, Mr. Spears threatened to shoot the occupants of the house, however, no weapon was seen nor was one found at the scene by sheriff's deputies.

Authorities arrived on the scene only minutes after the call for help was received. The four individuals were taken into custody shortly afterwards.

Arrested and charged with first degree attempted burglary and three counts of unlawful imprisonment were Mr. Spears, Ludlum, and her two sons.

Bond for each of those charged was set at \$7,800.00.

The incident remains under investigation by the Coffee County Sheriff's Department and District Attorney's office.



IT COULD HAVE BEEN A LOT WORSE...A two-vehicle collision sent two ladies to the hospital Tuesday afternoon. A late model Ford Tempo GL driven by Betty Jean English, 49, of 627 Adams St. in Elba collided with a 1995 Chevrolet Suburban driving Judy Holloway, 39, of Rt. 2 Box 169, Elba. According to witnesses, the Suburban was traveling south on AL Hwy. 189 (Claxton Ave.) when the sedan, traveling west on AL 203 (by-pass), ran through a red light striking the van. The car reported spun after hitting the van and traveled several hundred feet south ending up in the yard of Charles Kennet's residence. The van left the roadway after the impact and struck a utility pole. Both victims were transported to Elba General Hospital by a unit of the Elba Rescue Squad. Holloway was received treatment and was later released. English was transferred to Dothan by ambulance. There were no other occupants in either of the vehicles. The accident, which occurred shortly after 3 p.m., was investigated by the Elba Police Officer Wesley Snodgrass. In the picture above, rescue personnel prepare to remove Mrs. Holloway from the vehicle and place her in the ambulance.

COMMISSIONERS TOLD COUNTY'S COMPUTER SYSTEM HAS RUN OUT OF SPACE

County settles lawsuit filed by disabled persons

by Marvin McLWain - Editor

The Coffee County Commission tentatively settled a pending lawsuit against the county in Monday's meeting.

A class action lawsuit filed against Coffee County in July of 1994 by Pete Danford, a New Brockton resident, stated that the courthouse in Enterprise posed problems for disabled persons who wished to utilize the facility.

For the past several weeks, the commissioners have been reviewing with managing the courthouse readily accessible to the disabled, he could not agree with the option of constructing a new facility.

At the time the lawsuit was filed, the commission was already in the process of bringing the two courthouses, Elba and Enterprise, into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Architects, one of who was disabled, had inspected both courthouses, and had made recommendations as to what renovations had to be made in the two facilities.

The commission has until January 15, 1996 to submit to the court a status of its progress with respect to construction of a new facility or renovations to the existing courthouse facility in Enterprise.

On or before July 15, 1996, the commission has to submit to the court its decision on what route it will take - construct a new courthouse or renovation of the present facility.

Plaintiffs in the case have the right and option, as stipulated in the Consent Decree, to file with the

ment a method by which Defendants may secure funding for the building and operation of a new courthouse or the renovation of the existing facility located in Enterprise, Alabama.

After a twenty-five minute closed door session with the county attorney, Kenneth Fuller, the commissioners, with the exception of two, signed the Consent Decree. Commissioners Wendell Black and Robert Stephens did not sign the agreement.

Commissioner Stephens stated that while he was in full agreement with managing the courthouses readily accessible to the disabled, he could not agree with the option of constructing a new facility.

"I don't feel that we should obligate the taxpayers to fund a new courthouse without their having a voice in the matter," said Stephens.

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ment aid effort.

Both the commissioners and Engineer Randy Tindell were ready and willing to assist the hurricane victims saying "Next time it might be you who will be the victims!"

The trucks and drivers will remain in the area for one week. Gas food and lodging expenses will be paid by Baldwin County.

County Administrator Wilson Mobley informed commissioners that the county's five-year-old computer system is filled up and overflowing.

"We have data that should be in

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County BOE completes hiring of personnel before school starts

by Marvin McLWain - Editor

In a special called meeting of the Coffee County School Board, two unfilled fifth grade teaching positions were filled. The meeting was held last Thursday evening.

One of the openings was filled by transfer, thus creating another opening which had to be filled also.

Audrey Payne was hired to teach a section of the fifth grade at the New Brockton Elementary School.

Payne was hired upon the recommendation of Charles Cole, principal at NBES.

An opening for a fifth grade teacher at Kinston Elementary was filled by Shan Sessions, who asked to be transferred from Zion Chapel. The administration recommended the transfer after the original recommendation failed to meet with the board's approval.

The vacancy created at Zion Chapel by Sessions' transfer was filled by Sharon Sasser upon the recommendation of Bob Andrews, principal at ZCES.

After coming out of a rather lengthy "executive session" in Monday's (August 7) meeting, board members had been unable to fill the two positions mentioned above; however, it did not take them long to act on the matter Thursday.

Prior to dealing with the personnel matters, Superintendent Clayton Bryant reminded board members that school was scheduled to begin Tuesday, with teachers reporting Monday.

He stated that it was his wishes to do whatever the board wanted to do in the matter, but it was important that the two positions be filled promptly.

"Monday night we had two recommendations which you did not accept," Bryant said. "I think that we need to go back to those and see what the status of this group is and at that point in time take the steps necessary to open school."

It was the recommendation of Kinston Elementary School's principal, Shirley Northrup, that Genell Swett, be employed as a fifth grade teacher.

There were several minutes of discussion which followed Bryant's statement with board members expressing their feelings on the matter.

It appeared that some members of the board (four members) had had a problem with teacher recommendations made at the last meeting. The

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TRANSFORMS

With Ferrin Cox

The Heart of Dixie Music Park is scheduled to open sometime in the near future. Last week an "on location" tour of the facilities was impressive. The main man stopped his work and gave a detailed overview of the park and improvements. Mainly we now know where to find the bathrooms, concession stands ... and the main music stage. Roger also pointed out where the real "pickin' & grinnin'" will be taking place. Area folks who enjoy music festivals, or just the fellowship of friends, need to start making plans to head out toward Danley Cross Roads one weekend right soon.

Our heart skipped a beat Monday night at the Elba City Council meeting. After watching them spend over \$40,000 to get a landfill permit, threatening lawsuits because it was dragging out for years, etc., we were shocked to hear the city council openly wondering if they should open a new inert landfill! In the end Elba is moving forward with the new landfill and our heart is still beating on a regular basis.

President Clinton has come down hard on the tobacco industry. Since only one out of three American adults is considered a smoker and more and more people are outspoken against cigarette smoke, that is probably pretty good politics. Odds are there were political polls taken across the nation before the campaign was announced. National news surveys last week reported which states the Democrats have given up on, which ones (a few) were in their pocket and what was still up for grabs. The main tobacco growing states are predicted to have already gone Republican or probably will go so. The big group up for grabs was the West Coast ... California, Oregon and Washington ... all states very sensitive to air pollution, etc. This group controls enough additional electoral votes to re-elect Bill Clinton. We suspect private polls show anti-tobacco talk plays well with those folks and hence the attack on cigarettes.

Speaking of President Clinton's attack on tobacco, it is laughable to hear he wanted a law preventing the sale of tobacco to minors ... Alabama has such a law and it is a joke. There isn't a teenager in this state who can't buy a pack of cigarettes any time he or she wants. There are more signs up in the stores these days, but for now it is good. We still wish something could be worked out to have these animals neutered before they are adopted out.

People still make comments about the TV story several months ago concerning the terrible conditions at the Elba dog pound. Those have been corrected ... at least for now. Also the publicity seems to be good in another way. Monday night the police chief reported ten of the stray dogs had been adopted in the last two weeks. This gives someone a pet and Elba doesn't have to pay to put these ten animals to sleep. Of course this pace can't be maintained, as everyone in town would soon have more dogs than they needed, but for now it is good. We still wish something could be worked out to have these animals neutered before they are adopted out.

The City of Elba closed city hall all day yesterday (Wednesday) in memory of former Mayor Sam Sawyer, who died last week. It is a small gesture, but well deserved. Hopefully his family understands the love and respect which accompanies such a move.

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GUEST EDITORIAL

The Senator's Position

by Dwight Adams
State Senator District 31

Two things are certain about the first legislative session of this quadrennium: 1) Governor Fob James came out a winner; 2) There were too many could-have-beens because of political tactics in procedure in the Senate.

To begin his new term in this decade, Governor James had quite an ambitious legislative plan which at first some said was too ambitious. However, the Governor got almost all of his top priorities passed. Every part of the Governor's education package passed including bills requiring taking a national teachers test before a teacher candidate can be employed at the public schools. Another bill now requires all local school boards to establish a policy on corporal punishment discipline. It protects teachers from lawsuits when they follow that policy. Another bill strengthened our core curriculum in schools, requiring four years of mathematics, science, English, and social studies in high school. Testing students every other year is now required in grades 2-12 which compares our students' scores with the national average in order to determine which schools are doing well or doing poorly. A provision was passed to allow the state education department to temporarily enter a local school district to help raise its test scores when a school's test scores continue to be significantly below average.

Also school needs are now fully funded through James plan. Through an innovative plan developed by Finance Director Jimmy Baker, adequate funds were finally given to schools for safe and sanitary buildings, and full funding was provided for school supplies and sufficient teacher units for smaller classroom sizes.

Also the Governor's office passed an innovative industrial incentive plan to bring new jobs into Alabama. The state provides for economic incentives for the purpose of encouraging companies to enter Alabama, so long as the new companies provide a certain minimal amount of capital and new jobs to the state.

Some say the Governor pulled a rabbit out of the hat on getting through much needed reform. His court reforms over disputed absentee ballots, more and more shocking conduct in our election practices have been exposed. Also many Senators wanted to strengthen our Fair Campaign Practices Act. The Republican Caucus worked very hard to get these bills passed, however, the Lt. Governor and his appointees never allowed the Senate to be able to vote on them. It is essential that these elected to represent us statewide or locally are in fact the persons the majority of the voters actually chose. There is serious work left to do including insuring the integrity of our system of democracy. A good start would certainly be by passing strong laws requiring honest elections.

We also passed a strengthened ethics law which among other things gives the Ethics Commission more authority to do its job. The law also prevents former legislators from becoming lobbyists until two years has gone by once their term has expired. It also requires detailed financial information to be disclosed by any elected public official. More stringent penalties are now imposed for those who violate the law.

However, there were too many important could-have-been bills that should have been. One proposed bill that I strongly supported, along with many other Senators, was a voter identification bill designed to prevent voter fraud. As the recent Hooper/Hornby Chief Justice fight continues over disputed absentee ballots, more and more shocking conduct in our election practices have been exposed. Also many Senators wanted to strengthen our Fair Campaign Practices Act. The Republican Caucus worked very hard to get these bills passed, however, the Lt. Governor and his appointees never allowed the Senate to be able to vote on them. It is essential that these elected to represent us statewide or locally are in fact the persons the majority of the voters actually chose. There is serious work left to do including insuring the integrity of our system of democracy. A good start would certainly be by passing strong laws requiring honest elections.

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ELBA POLICE REPORT

AUGUST 8 thru AUGUST 14, 1995

The Elba Police Department, beginning Tuesday, August 8, 1995, investigated the following incidents: two assaults, one DUI, two reckless endangerments, one no driver's license, two sexual abuses, one unlawful and unauthorized breaking and entering of a vehicle, seven thefts of property, one burglary, and one criminal mischief.

The following traffic citations were issued: one for passing in a no passing zone, two for speeding, one for driving without a driver's license, two for DUI, one for attempting to elude, two for reckless driving, one for no driver's license, one for switched tag, and one for driving while driver's license are suspended.

Arrests for the week were as follows: one for assault, two for sexual abuse, and one for violation of the boom box ordinance.

Daily activity highlights were as follows:

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8 - River stage - 4.94 feet (6:17 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Martin Luther King Drive (8:03 a.m.); Alarm at Elba High School (5:51 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9 - Alarm at a residence on Cherokee Lane (12:11 a.m.); River stage - 4.35 feet (6:08 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on N. Claxton Ave. (11:42 a.m.); Rescue run to the Adult Day Care (11:56 a.m.); Fight reported at Elba General Hospital (4:25 p.m.); Rescue run to a wreck on U.S. Hwy. 84W (5:36 p.m.).

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10 - River stage - 4.00 feet (6:11 a.m.); Fire reported behind the Big Bear (4:26 p.m.); Vehicle fire AL Hwy. 87S (8:38 p.m.); Alarm at a residence on Taylor Mill Road (11:05 p.m.).

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11 - River stage - 3.55 feet (6:10 a.m.); Rescue run to Mullins Apts. (8:12 a.m.); Routine activity.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12 - River stage - 3.65 feet (6:28 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Route 2, Elba (8:12 a.m.); Disturbance at Mullins Apt. (10:16 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Co. Rd. 206 (1:05 p.m.).

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13 - River stage - 3.77 feet (6:28 a.m.); Alarm at The Jewel Box (3:59 p.m.); Alarm at Southeast AL Gas District (6:25 p.m.); Wreck (vehicle vs deer) on AL Hwy. 141 (8:19 p.m.); Fight reported on Addison St. (11:37 p.m.); Wreck reported on U.S. Hwy. 84W (11:48 p.m.); Fire and rescue units dispatched to wreck on U.S. Hwy. 84W (11:51 p.m.).

MONDAY, AUGUST 14 - Fight reported at Burch's Trailer Co. (12:03 a.m.); River stage - 3.63 feet (6:30 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Co. Rd. 206 (6:53 a.m.).

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**ELBA
GENERAL HOSPITAL
REPORT**

Elba General Hospital had the following persons admitted during the time period of August 8, 1995 through August 14, 1995.

They were: Gladys Marshall, Cecilia Allen, Charles Marler, Bobby Kelley, Tracy Tyson, Oncal Hattaway, Charlie Jordan, Virginia Grant, ham, Bill Whittington, Tracy Tyson, Sheila Magwood, Randy Sasser, Bonnie Johnson, Cory Richardson, Lora King, Susie Baldwin, Terry Tyson, James Lee, Elia Hudson, Leamon Bolling, Bonnie Johnson, Clair Winston, Eva Annone, Allen Johnson, Deana Coleman, and Dustin Rhoades.

Patients discharged during the same period of time were: Annie Hall, Gladys Marshall, Rebecca Arrington, Billy Baldwin, Charles Marler, Cecilia Allen, Ricard Cooks, Cory Richardson, Sheila Magwood, Virginia Grant, ham, Bill Whittington, Randy Sasser, Susie Baldwin, Bonnie Johnson, Tracy Miller, Charlie Jordan, Oncal Hattaway, Bobby Kelley, Tracy Tyson, Dustin Rhoades, Deana Coleman, Lora King, and Terry Tyson.

Commemorative postage stamp to honor Coach Paul "Bear" Bryant

U.S. Senator Richard C. Shelby, was joined by Postmaster General Marvin Runyon to announce a U.S. postage stamp honoring the late Coach Bryant. The stamp features a portrait of Coach Bryant, who coached the Alabama football team from 1957 to 1982. Bryant is also shown in a figure in Alabama, but also as a true hero for all America," he said.

Coach Bryant's real achievement was in the inspiration he provided, and excellence he demonstrated to generations of Alabamians and Americans. The measure of a man's greatness is not in life, but in his legacy after death.

"If the continuing growth of the Bryant legend some 15 years after his death is any indication, then Paul Bryant's place in the history of college athletics and American life will be perpetual," Sen. Shelby said.

The final determination for the Coach Paul "Bear" Bryant stamp design will be made by the U.S. Postal Service, however, several images have been submitted for their review.

"I am very pleased that the Postmaster General joined me today (August 10) to announce that the Postal Service will indeed issue a Bear Bryant stamp within the next two years," said Shelby.

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AREA DEATHS

EASTER M. ROBINSON

Funeral services for Easter M. Robinson, age 64, were held at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, August 5, 1995 from St. Beulah MB Church of Enterprise, Alabama with Dr. Virgil Coleman officiating.

Burial followed in the church cemetery with Virgil Coleman Mortuary directing.

Survivors include two sons, Terry C. Robinson of Enterprise, AL and Dwayne B. Robinson of Panama City, Florida; three sisters, Rose L. Smith of Enterprise, AL, Fannie B. Miller of McComb, Mississippi, and Eleanor Scottie of Bartow, FL; two brothers, Frank Caesar of Enterprise, AL and David Caesar, one uncle, Hosca Scottie of Birmingham, AL; one daughter-in-law, Ida Robinson; host of relatives and friends.

CROSBY CRITTEN

Crosby Critten, age 87, died Friday, July 14, 1995.

Funeral services were held at 3:00 p.m., Saturday, July 22, 1995 from the Poplar Springs Baptist Church of New Brockton, Alabama with Dr. John L. Grayer officiating.

Burial followed in the Hardshell Cemetery of New Brockton, AL with Virgil Coleman Mortuary directing.

Survivors include one child, R.C. Critten; one granddaughter, Linda Jones; two cousins, Ozell Head and Annie Pruitt.

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26 YEARS...Clayton Jr. Goodson (center) with his supervisor, James Grissette (left) and Don Swanson, plant manager.

NEWS AMONG OUR SERVICE FOLKS

CLEVELAND B. REEVES

Marine Pvt. Cleveland B. Reeves, son of Cleveland J. Reeves of New Brockton, AL, recently completed the 11 weeks of intensive training required to earn the title "Marine".

During the training conducted at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, SC, Reeves completed a variety of challenging training exercises designed to improve the physical and mental strength.

In addition to the rigorous physical conditioning program, classroom instruction and practical application exercises, Reeves was introduced to the core values of the Marine Corps which include: honor, courage, and commitment. The importance of the core values was illustrated throughout the training which includes customs, courtesies, Marine Corps history and traditions.

Through teamwork and self-discipline Reeves became proficient in military skills including rifle marksmanship, uniform regulations, first aid and close-order drill.

The Marine Corps is a tough, smart and elite force in which Reeves will continue his training throughout his career.

He is a 1993 graduate of Pace High School of Pace, FL.

TERRY M. SMITH

Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Terry M. Smith, son of James G. and Gussie M. Smith of Brantley, AL, recently reported for duty at Navy Support Facility, Diego Garcia.

Smith's new assignment is an example of how Navy and Marine Corps men and women are assigned to ships, squadrons and shore stations around the world. Whether serving in the Persian Gulf near Iraq or in the Adriatic Sea near Bosnia, people like Smith are making a difference as they work to improve their knowledge and skill as part of the most highly technical naval force in history.

The 1981 graduate of Brantley High School joined the Navy in August 1981.

He is the grandson of the late Mr. Enoch Cowen. He is also the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. A.R. Hudson.

Lt. Hudson's wife, Toni Norris Hudson, was recently graduated from UAB with a Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene. They have a six year old daughter, Melita.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Mr. Ferrin Cox, Publisher
The Elba Clipper

Dear Ferrin,

Thanks again for your continued support of our schools. As we begin another school year, we will again call on you to assist us as we strive to inform our public of the policy and program changes taking place at Elba City Schools. This week's edition of the *Clipper* contains information that will be very important for all parents to read and consider. The Code of Conduct is very similar to last year's code. However, several new state laws and local policies are summarized in this edition to explain the efforts being made to insure a safe, secure, academically sound environment for our students. I sincerely encourage all parents to read and be familiar with these new policies.

We are also offering "Parent's Night" at both the elementary and high schools on August 17, at 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., respectively. Please plan to attend one or both of these meetings if you have children in both schools. Parents of 7th graders are strongly encouraged to attend the meeting at the high school at 7:00 p.m. This will be an orientation meeting for all incoming 7th grade students to help them become familiar with their new surroundings.

Sincerely,
Charles L. Pearce, Superintendent
Elba City Schools

Dear Editor:

I want to express to the people of Senate District 31 my appreciation to you for sending Senator Dwight Adams to the Alabama Senate. His conservative, no nonsense approach to government is an exceptional ability that we need in the Alabama Legislature. Senator Adams is a fine steward of your tax dollars. Historically, freshmen legislators make very little impact their first year. But Dwight Adams has made a difference—a difference for better government.

If you get the opportunity, thank him. I already have.

Yours truly,
Gerald Diaz
Senate District 13

-----Attention----- Vietnam Veterans!

Vietnam Era Veterans are no longer required to send applications for Vietnam Veterans tag to Veterans Affairs County Veterans Service Office for application and approval. For assistance in Coffee County, contact Robert Lolley at the Coffee County Office Complex in New Brockton or call 894-5858.

MacArthur Graduation Ceremonies to be held August 24th

MacArthur State Technical College announces graduation exercises to be held Thursday, August 24, 1995, at 7:00 p.m. in the Opp High School auditorium.

As part of the college's 30th anniversary celebration and as tribute to alumni, three alumni representatives will deliver the commencement address. Among those three providing words of encouragement to the Class of 1995 will be Ms. Kimberly McBride of Elba. Ms. Kimberly McBride is employed at Alabama Electric Cooperative as an engineering assistant. She earned an associate in applied technology degree in drafting and design technology from MacArthur Tech. She began her career in 1993 immediately after graduation. She is a member of Oak Grove Baptist Church in Elba and is a working parent, the mother of Jordan and Jolo. "MacArthur is a wonderful school, and the faculty and staff are really attuned to the needs of adult students who have to work or take care of children," she recalled.



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Social Notes

Miss Trott & Mr. Boothe announce wedding plans

Mr. and Mrs. William R. Trott of Enterprise announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Rita Dee Trott, to Michael D. Boothe, son of Betty and Gene Stapleton of Red Oak, TX and Roger and Pat Boothe of Elba. The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Ruby Wood and the late Selma Wood of Enterprise and Mr. and Mrs. Buren Trott of Kinston, NC.

She is a 1992 graduate of Enterprise High School and is currently attending Wallace College, pursuing a degree in nursing. She will graduate in the winter of 1996. She is employed by Simply Fashions in Enterprise as an associate manager.

The groom is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. J.P. Chandler of Brantley. He is a 1990 graduate of Elba High School and will graduate August 31 from Wallace College with an associate degree in radiology. He is employed as an x-ray technician in Elba General Hospital.

The wedding will take place on September 8 at 12:00 p.m. in Gattinburg, TN.



Mr. Boothe & Miss Trott

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Caroline Haney celebrates first birthday recently



Caroline Haney

Caroline Haney recently celebrated her first birthday at her home in Elba with a Minnie Mouse theme party. Caroline is the daughter of Pat and Becky Haney of Elba. Guests at the party included grandparents, Peggy Barnes of Monroeville and Jack and Susan Haney of DeFuniak Springs, FL; Aunt Lisa and Uncle Mark Bial; and cousins, Josh and Kristin of Enterprise. Everyone enjoyed a cocktail followed by cake and ice cream.

Miscellaneous Gift Tea given for Mrs. David Ammons

The lovely home of Mrs. Drexel Kelley was the setting for a miscellaneous gift tea honoring Mrs. David Ammons, nee Melanie Lynn Moore, on Sunday afternoon, July 23. Wedding bells tied with large bows adorned the mailbox and the front and back doors directing the guests into the house. They were greeted by Mrs. Kelley, Mrs. Donald Ammons, mother of the groom; the honoree; and Mrs. Howard Moore, mother of the bride.

The registration table held a beautiful fresh flower arrangement. The guests were then directed to the refreshment table where they were served delicious raspberry punch by Mrs. Hugh Davis, Mrs. Richard Jacobs, and Mrs. Neil Davis. The decorated wedding cake was served by Mrs. Carlton Bowden, aunt of the groom, and Mrs. Wade Brueckner, sister of the groom. The linen and lace covered table held a silver candelabra holding mauve and blue candles and an array of candied pecans, a cheese ball with crackers, and party mints.

The gifts were displayed and recorded by Mrs. Joe Spurlin and Mrs. Robert Brueckner. The hostesses presented the newly weds with a cash gift and a card in choosing something for their new home in Enterprise. Hostesses for the occasion were Mrs. Drexel Kelley, Mrs. Gerald Tucker, Mrs. Robert Brueckner, Mrs. Keith Adcock, Mrs. Neil Davis, Mrs. Hugh Davis, Mrs. Wade Brown, Mrs. Carlton Bowden, Mrs. Hayward Bowden, Mrs. Joe Spurlin, Mrs. Richard Jacobs, Mrs. Paul Wallace, and Mrs. L.M. Burch.



Pictured left to right: Mrs. Drexel Kelley, Mrs. Howard Moore, Mrs. David Ammons-honoree and Mrs. Donald Ammons.

McGlothren selected finalist for Pre-Teen AL Scholarship and Scholastic Program

Melanie McGlothren, daughter of Chuck and Susan McGlothren of New Brockton, AL, has been selected as a finalist in the 1995 Pre-Teen Alabama Scholarship and Recognition Program to be held August 18-20, 1995 at the Radisson Hotel in Birmingham, AL.

Pre-Teen Alabama is a by-invitation only scholarship and recognition event involving young ladies 7 to 12 years of age ranking in the top 10% academically. Additionally, young ladies are invited who have been recognized publicly for their outstanding personal achievements, leadership abilities or creative talents.

State finalists will be judged on academic achievement, volunteer service to church and community, school honors and activities, development of personal skills and abilities, general knowledge-ability, communicative ability, and on stage review and acknowledgement of accomplishments.

The house site and verdant green acres of tall green trees with spreading lacy umbrellas tops, giving adequate summer shade or ideal sun bathing.

Everyone was most cooperative and the comfort of the air conditioned bus was appreciated and we were soon off!

The capable Mack Moore was in charge of transportation. Road 84 West gave the beckoning call and Mack obliged by a turn right, a turn left, and following the ribbon of hot concrete. Soon we were there.

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Melanie McGlothren

Angela Hughes, County Agent

Potato skin - is it safe?

People are more conscious these days of making sure their diet contains enough fiber. People are encouraged to eat fruits and vegetables with their peels still on. But some people have questions about whether it's okay to eat the skin of a potato.

Potato skins can be good for you, and they can be bad for you in some cases. Potato skins contain a natural occurring chemical called solanine that can cause headaches and other symptoms if you eat enough of it.

The amount of this chemical increases when a potato is bruised or is subjected to bright light or extremes in temperature. Sprouts from the potato may also contain high levels of solanine.

All this doesn't mean you have to give up eating the skin of your baked potato. Just follow these guidelines and you'll be able to eat all of your potato.

Buy unbruised potatoes and store them in a cool, dark area. Use them within two to three weeks.

Remove any visible spots, blemishes or sprouts. Use a vegetable brush to scrub your potatoes thoroughly to remove any dirt that may be clinging to the skin. If the potatoes look green, peel them. Throw away any heavily sprouted potato or one that feels soft or mushy.

If, after cooking, a potato tastes bitter, don't eat it. A bitter taste can indicate higher levels of solanine in the potato.



JOSEPH HAYDEN DISOTELL



Garrett Douglas Dunn honored on first birthday

Garrett Douglas Dunn celebrated his 1st birthday with a party in his home on July 15, 1995. His party theme was Mickey Mouse and Friends. Those helping him celebrate were Rhonda, Drew, and Steven Little, Pam Smith, Dina Matthews, Teresa Colvin, Jenny Davis, Jama Windham, and his grandparents.

Garrett is the son of Troy and Jill Dunn of Elba.

Joseph Hayden Disotell

Eddy and Brandy Disotell of Elba, announce the birth of a son, Joseph Hayden Disotell. He was born August 3, 1995 in Dothan. He weighed 6 lbs. 12 oz.

Proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Joe Daugherty of Elba, Edward Disotell of Youngstown, FL and Becky Enfinger of Panama City, FL.

Johnson Reunion planned for August 19th

The annual Rufe Johnson reunion will be held August 19, beginning at 10:00 a.m., in the Farm Center Community Room in New Brockton, AL. Friends and relatives are urged to attend. A covered dish meal will be served.

Elba Elementary School will hold kindergarten orientation for parents and students Friday, August 18, 1995, from 3:00 to 4:00. This special kindergarten orientation will allow parents and students to meet with the kindergarten teachers. Parents will go to their child's classroom to receive general information about the first six weeks of school. Kindergarten parents are encouraged to bring their child's supplies, to pay for lunch/juice, etc. Students will tour the school, have story/song time, and learn about school rules.

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Westside Baptist Church JOY Group enjoys fun filled summer

The JOY Group at Westside Baptist Church has been very busy this summer. This group, which includes all Just Older Youth, has enjoyed many hours of fellowship and good food together.

The first event of the summer was

a cookout on Saturday, May 20. Laughter, mouth-watering food, and old-fashioned group singing set the mood. The group also had an ugly hat contest. Each JOY member wore the ugliest hat he/she could find. First place winners were Mrs. Ruth

Mack and Mr. Bobby Hudson. Mrs. Louise Hudson and Mr. Arthur Hudson won second place.

On Sunday, June 25, a very special day was held for the group. The day began with a delicious breakfast for all JOY members. During the worship hour, the members filled the choir loft, sang solos, shared testimonies, and led in prayer.

What a JOY! The adult ministry Panama City was the site of JOY's next excursion. On Thursday, July 27, the group traveled to Panama City for a gospel singing dinner cruise aboard the *Lady Anderson*.

The water was calm, the food was excellent, and the singing was great. Jerome and Peggy Baxley invited the JOY group to their "retreat" on Lake Seminole in Donaldsonville, Georgia this past weekend, Saturday, August 12. As always, the Baptists enjoy good food and this was no exception. The fried fish was delicious.

What a JOY! The adult ministry committee has received from the Just Older Youth! Just seeing the enjoyment the group receives from each outing has been a blessing to all.

The eating hour arrived and Elmer offered the blessing. The tables were loaded with pans of fish and other goodies. Each person had the opportunity to demonstrate his/her dining etiquettes in an open pavilion overlooking the Conecuh River. It was superb!

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the Senior Citizens held their weekly meeting with 12 present. Those present were Mattie Lou Goodson, Louise Wambles, Ruthie Blanton, Eva Kelley, Prisca and Jean Givens, Doyle and Grace Wilkerson, Frank and Magdelene McCollough, Sammie and Inez Caddell, Amanda Kacey and Sheila Haun. The helpers were Blanche Caddell, Amanda Kacey and Sheila Haun. The members were entertained by having fellowship and playing dominoes. The seniors would like to invite others to come and join their fellowship.

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Westside Baptist Church Family Picnic planned for this Sunday

This Sunday, August 20, Westside Baptist Church will be having a church-wide picnic sponsored by the Westside Brotherhood. There will be NO Sunday School this Sunday, and worship will begin at 9:30 a.m. Following the morning worship service, picnicers will depart for the Vineyard Retreat Center for an afternoon of food, fellowship, and fun. The afternoon will conclude with a Singingtime time lead by the church staff. Dress for the picnic will be casual. Deadline to sign up for the lunch was August 14.

Note of Thanks

The family of NELL SONDERGAARD would like to say thank you for the many flowers, cards, and food in our time of loss of our mother, God bless all of you. 8-17-lip

PASTOR'S CORNER

Rusty Bedsole Summer Staff Assistant First Baptist Church

When speaking of legends or heroes in these parts, invariably a name which comes to mind is that of Paul Bryant. The man who wore the houndstooth hat and provided the sidelines at the University of Alabama for 25 years was definitely not only a Southern icon, but also achieved national prominence, as evidenced by the recent unveiling of a postage stamp to honor him. Stories abound concerning the activities, speeches, and games which occurred during Bryant's life, all adding something to the lore surrounding the man. Allow me to recount one of these.

The story goes that Bryant was walking beside the football practice field one day at his high school. Up until this point, Bryant had never seen nor heard of the game, as much of his time was spent working in the fields and as he walked by, and out of his curiosity he approached the coach and asked if he could attempt the game. The coach, noting Bryant's husky build, allowed him to enter the practice session. When Bryant asked what he should do, the coach replied that he should dash to the end of the field and "run over" the punt returner, who was busily catching kicks as the team practiced its punt formation. Bryant proceeded to do just that, and one week later was a starter on the team. His introduction to the sport he would change never was thus complete.

How many times in the course of living has something happened which appeared coincidental or lucky, and yet had the potential to change the course of an individual's life? How often has an opportunity arose before one's eyes, and yet was not seen? Can we count those moments in time in which the promise of great things hung in the balance, but the seconds were not seized and utilized? What if Bryant had continued walking past the field without stopping? What if he had shied away from participating in drills?

Each of us has experienced a situation in which the Hand of God has moved in order to afford us an opportunity of achievement. Fate, destiny, coincidence, or other designations for such mystic times are truly false characterizations of the true power of God. Just as Bryant happened to be walking by the practice field, so too are there times in which we are guided by Him to "run over" those obstacles which stand in our path, realizing that Christ is within us in which growth and success can occur. We can be sure that such times shall suddenly come upon us like a summer storm, at altogether unexpected moments.

Our goal as believers is to take advantage of these chances for advancement. We must ask the Creator, at the appropriate moment, if we can attempt certain exercises in the game of life. We should attempt, at that time, to "run over" those obstacles which stand in our path, realizing that Christ is within us in which growth and success can occur. We can be sure that such times shall suddenly come upon us like a summer storm, at altogether unexpected moments.

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Elba Elementary School Parents' Night planned for Aug. 17th

All parents of Elba Elementary School students enrolled in grades one through six are urged to attend Parents' Night to be held in Elba Elementary School's cafeteria Thursday, August 17, 1995, at 6:00 p.m. New board policies concerning discipline and behavior will be the topic of discussion.

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Glenn Alan Davis named Senior Patrol Leader of Boy Scouts of America Troop 6



Glenn Alan Davis

Glenn Alan Davis of Fayetteville, North Carolina was recently named Senior Patrol Leader of Boy Scouts of America Troop 6. Senior Patrol Leader is the highest troop leadership position that a boy can hold. Some of the many responsibilities required by Glenn will include presiding over weekly B.S.A. troop meetings and assisting the Scoutmaster with various tasks, including planning and organizing patrol meetings, campouts, fundraisers, and public service projects. Glenn currently holds the rank of Star. He is a recruiter and a member of the prestigious Order of the Arrow.

Glenn is the son of Douglas K. and Cara English Davis of Fayetteville, NC. He is the grandson of Lois D. English and the late Joe F. English of Elba, Alabama.



CHAPTER I SUMMER PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS... (1st row, 1 to 8) Rachelle Dixon, Jesse Oglesby, Jason McDonald, Janey Fudge, Barbara Fudge, Clint Bradshaw, Courtney Pridgen, Travis Ward, Angela Fudge, Summer McDonald, Juan Starks; (2nd row, 1 to 8) Rashad Bilal, Jamey Greek, Kasi McDonald, LeeAnn Pridgen, Lisa Hill, Selena Vowell, Sharika Lindsey, Brandy Kelley, Brad Cotton, Emily Bradshaw, Kim McDonald, Samuel Pulliam, Brandon Kelley, Quaran Warren, Alan Maddox; (3rd row, 1 to 8) Max Reed, Karrie Copeland, Kimmey Hill, Zac Hill, Jimmy Coleman, Shane Burks, Marchello Reed, Adam Brunson, Brian Brunson, Patrick Tyson; (4th row, 1 to 8) Mandy Jeffcoat-kindergarten teacher, Daphne Boland-first grade teacher, Martha Crawford-third and fourth grade teacher, Marsha Oggs-counselor, Pam McCollough-second grade teacher.

Elba Elementary Summer School celebration held

Thursday, July 27, Elba Elementary School ended K-4 Chapter I Summer School with a Parents' Day Celebration. Twenty-eight parents and grandparents attended the 10:00 celebration in the cafeteria where the student and staff presented brief highlights of the math and reading summer learning activities. The students shared their favorite experiences from summer school. Having perfect attendance throughout the six-weeks' summer program were Clint Bradshaw, Brandy Kelley, Kasey McDonald, Emily Bradshaw, Alan Maddox, Summer McDonald, Adam Brunson, Patrick Tyson, and Karrie Copeland who were recognized with books and bubbles.

Thanks to generous local contributions, the Chapter I Summer Program offered a great variety of learning experiences for the children. Williams' Signs contributed to the books and rewards for the students. Mr. Larry Miller from Sessions Peanut Company in Enterprise presented a peanut video and shared peanut products from Sessions. Mrs.

Lois Holt's Patriotic Kids entertained the summer school students singing beautiful patriotic music for Independence Day. A Fourth of July picnic, complete with flags and stories of the American flag donated by Woodmen of the World, drinks provided by Big/Little and big cookies from Hardee's, added to the students' patriotic spirit. Mr. Buck Dickey donated delicious watermelons which the children cut into different shapes (a learning experience as well as a refreshment) for their celebration the last day of school. Teachers, parents, and community working together made the 1995 Chapter I Summer Program a great fun-learning success.

87th Golden Acorn Infantry Division Reunion planned in Charleston

On September 17-24, 1995, the 87th (Golden Acorn) Infantry Division and its Combat Support Units will hold its 46th annual reunion in Charleston, West Virginia at the Marriott Hotel.

The 87th Infantry Division was activated and trained as a combat infantry division in both World Wars. In 1917, the Division joined Gen. Pershing's A.E.F. in France, and as it was being assigned to the Western Front, the Armistice was signed. In World War II, the Division went into combat at Metz, France. During 154 days of almost continual combat, the Golden Acorn Combat Team fought in France, Belgium, Luxembourg, and Germany. It advanced more than 345 miles in the European Theater, taking 63,338 prisoners and liberating hundreds of towns. Veterans of the famous "Battle of the Bulge," crossing of the Moselle and Rhine rivers, and the "lightening stroke" in pursuit of the Nazis across the heart of Germany, fighting many bitter battles from the once impregnable Siegfried Line to the Czechoslovakia Border.

The combat ability of the 87th Infantry Division was held in high regard by Gen. George Patton, Commander of the U.S. Third Army, and this Division received 3 Bronze Battle Stars for its most valiant efforts in the battles of the Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe.

Additional information on the 87th Division Reunion contact Gladys Pasquino, 2374 Dundee, Cl. Highland, Michigan 48357-3716; (810) 887-9005.



ODD LOOKING, BUT IT'S A ZUCCHINI SQUASH! Jauvan Stark and Tierney Stark, children of Leale and James Stark Jr., are shown with an unusual squash from the garden of their grandfather. The youngsters are the grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. (Mary) James Stark, Jr. Both the youths "helped" granddaddy with his very successful garden this year and earned the award of being pictured with the curled Zucchini.

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Country Woman - Letty McCall

Country women are a very important part of the agricultural segment of Coffee County. Every farm wife to some degree or another is involved in the farming operation. Many are involved in the bookkeeping and some are involved in the management and labor to different degrees. These women, the backbone of the farm, are often not recognized. The first of these women that I would like to recognize is Mrs. Letty McCall.

Mrs. Letty McCall has always enjoyed country life. To some she was always known as a "tom boy". She would always rather chop wood, feed the hogs, and milk the cows than do the dishes. She slipped off and plowed her first peanuts at age 14. She married Rex McCall in 1960. He was in the helicopter spraying business, and in 1979 he went into full time farming. In 1985 Rex went to work at Ft. Rucker. Good farm help is hard to find. Letty worked at the newspaper office in Enterprise for 25 years. She took a three month break to help on the farm. She enjoyed staying at home and working on the farm and found going back to the office impossible.

Heber and Mattie Clark, her parents, had four daughters and always wanted a son. To see Letty farming now does their heart good. Heber farmed all of his life, successfully and proudly bringing in 42 peanut crops.

Rex McCall had such fond memories of growing up and farming with a mule that he recently purchased a donkey for Letty to plow with.

There are many reasons why people like Heber, Rex, Letty and others enjoy farming. Rex said, "Being outside is one of the best reasons. You have stress on any job, but being outside for some people helps alleviate some stress."

Letty stated, "I farm for the sheer enjoyment of seeing things grow. You stay in better health. You get good exercise hauling hay, wrestling with morning glory and beggar weed, delivering calves, building fence, and chasing cows that get out. Of course, you get plenty of fresh air. Variety in your day is another plus. You may get up ready to plant peanuts and end up delivering calves instead."

Letty just finished bottle feeding two calves. She likes every part of farming and is looking forward to the challenge of running a peanut combine for the first time this fall.

One of the best parts of country life is country cooking. Fresh vegetables and meat you have raised can't be beat. It is also a great place to



Letty McCall, Heber Clark, Caleb, and Rex McCall of New Brockton enjoy farm life.

raise children. The greatest crop that the Clarks and McCalls have raised are their children and grandchildren.

To be a farmer, first of all, you have to like it. You have to be a

good businessman, bookkeeper, manager, banker, scientist, mechanic, welder, veterinarian, doctor, and you name it to be a farmer, plus a lot of patience and good weather.

Hydroblaster to be at Farm Center beginning August 21

The hullscape method of determining when to dig peanuts is the most scientific and accurate method of determining when to dig peanuts by the peanut kernel. Of course, there are always many other factors to consider. It is very important to know your optimum peanut digging date in making your decision of when to dig.

The hydroblaster will be set up at the Farm Center in New Brockton, starting on Monday, August 21, I will be there most mornings to help growers with this test.

Coffee County Schools Menu

August 21-25, 1995	
BREAKFAST	LUNCH
Monday - Pancake Pup, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Monday - Turkey Roast or Chicken Sandwich, Baked Potato Half w/Sour Cream, Butter Beans, Fruit, Jello, Milk
Tuesday - Grits, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Tuesday - Ham & Cheese Hoagie or Hotdog w/Chili, French Fries, Baked Beans, Chocolate Pudding, Fruit, Milk
Wednesday - Donuts, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Wednesday - Roast Beef Sandwich or Pizza, Stir Fry Veggies, English Peas, Fruit, Milk
Thursday - Biscuits, Sausages, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Thursday - Grilled Chicken Sandwich, Cornedog Nuggets, Okra, Corn, Rice Krispie Treat, Fruit, Milk
Friday - Blueberry Muffin, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Friday - Hamburger or Fish Sandwich, Onion Rings, Corn on Cob, Cheese Slice, Fruit, Milk

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Scripture: James 2:8-17.

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Mrs. Joyce E. Johnson of Tusculum, AL visited her parents, Grover and Eria Belcher, her uncle, Eileen Rideaux, other relatives and friends in Elba, the past week-end.

Vacation
Wiley Brooks, Juanita, Roe'Nita and Dee'Nard, all of Enterprise, AL, traveled via car on their week long vacation Saturday, July 30, 1995.

The traveled to Mobile, AL and visited a college classmate, Johnny Swoopes and his family in Prichard, AL. While in Mobile, they went bowling, visited the arcades, and the battleship. After two days, they traveled to New Orleans, LA visiting Earnest, Vivon and David Jack.

(The family of Martin and Rosetta Jack of Enterprise, AL) They rode the fair crossing, went shopping on the River Walk, and played games in the arcades. Their vacation was shortened because of Hurricane Erin.

Revival Services
Revival services of Elam Baptist Church, Coffee Springs, AL, Rev. Louis Tyson, pastor, were held August 7-11, 1995. Rev. A.R. Williams of Elba was the evangelist for the week. On Friday night, August 11, the members of Rocky Head MB Church, Elba, and Shiloh MB Church, Tarentum, AL, visited Little Elam for services.

Those attending were: Bessie Williams, La'Ray, Chastity, Brett and Keitha, Evelyn Guiley, Juanita Brooks, Wiley, Dee'Nard and

Worship in the church of your choice this Sunday!!!!

Roe'Nita, Patti Porter, Stephanie and Samantha Williams, Sydney Flournoy, Rodney Flowers, Jana and Melissa Kelley, Cathryn Carpenter, David Carpenter, Patricia and Michelle, Wallace and Mattie Belcher, J.L. and Estella Williams, Samuel Flournoy, Brittnay Daniels, Kimberly Rideaux, Annie Pearl Carpenter, Grover and Eria Belcher.

Homecoming & revival
meeting August 14-18, 1995
The Greater Pleasant Valley Missionary Baptist Church of Chancellor, AL, Rev. W.M. Wiggins, pastor, scheduled their revival meeting beginning August 14, 1995 at 7:30 nightly. Dr. S.C. Jackson, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Ozark, AL, is the evangelist for the week.

Birthday Party for Two
Recently, a birthday party was given in the home of Myron Duncan of Elba for his daughter, Lydia, and her brother, Brandy. Lydia's birthday was July 10 and Brandy's was July 17. A sheet cake embossed with Batman and Catgirl was the theme. Those attending the party were: Brandon, Wesley, Curtis, Melissa, Mason and Jason Guiley, Tiffany, Jana, Marcus, Sharon and Tia, Maria, Tony, and Tonya Smith, Tyrone, Gina Roberson and Myron.

Youth need to know America's Black heritage. A continuing strength in our society.
Margaret Walker Alexander
Margaret Walker Alexander was born July 7, 1915 in Birmingham, AL. She published her first book of poetry "For My People" in 1942 and the historical novel "Jubilee" in 1966. She earned her master's and doctoral degrees from the University

of Iowa for these creative classics. Her poem "For My People" has become one of the literary anthems of the black community. After four decades of teaching, she retired as Emeritus Professor of English at Jackson State University in Jackson, Mississippi. Her biography, "Richard Wright: Daemonic Genius" was published in 1988.

"My mother read poetry to me before I could read, and I can't remember when I couldn't read. We grew up with books. I don't think you can write if you don't read. You can't read if you can't think. Thinking, reading, and writing all go together. When I was about eight, I decided that the most wonderful thing next to a human being was a book."

Brian Lanker

A Good Work
The pastor and members said, "Let us rise up and build." So they strengthened their hands for this good work. The pastor and members had a mind to work. And we're saying we are doing a good work and we won't come down.

As you travel Highway 125 from Elba, look across the highway from Brandon, Wesley, Curtis, Melissa, Mason and Jason Guiley, Tiffany, Jana, Marcus, Sharon and Tia, Maria, Tony, and Tonya Smith, Tyrone, Gina Roberson and Myron.

There as she has been each day (except Sunday) since the building began, and before. Late in the evening, and on Saturday, you will see and admire the women and children, and some friends, working along with the men. The women that can't help work usually take lunch. Come by and have a "look see", and if you feel like it, help work or give encouragement with a loud God bless.

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Views from....

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

School starts next week in Elba, and for once the Mularz girls agree on something - they are both ready to get it started! Melissa will be in the seventh grade and is excited about having her own locker, changing clothes and marching with the band on Friday nights, while Melanie will enter the first grade and is excited about learning how to read and write, and seeing her friends every day of the week. Oh, yes, they are also excited about shopping for school supplies and new school clothes. I just hope they get excited about going to bed early and getting up early!

FIRST WEEK OF FALL FOOTBALL PRACTICE GOES WELL

High school football teams all across the state opened fall drills last week and battled the heat, as well as their own teammates, to try and catch the eye of their coaches. All the area schools went out in the afternoon and made certain the players got plenty of water, but the practices were rough and the teams got a lot of work done. Here's a look at opening week....

***ELBA TIGERS** - Coach David Lowrey greeted 35 players for the opening of practice and most of the players seemed in good shape, and ready to get to work. Elba seems to lack depth at certain positions, but appears to have speed to burn and may be better than a lot of people think. The Tigers have made noticeable changes on both offense and defense in alignment, and I guess time will tell if the changes were for the best.

***ZION CHAPEL REBELS** - Coach David Collins had 32 players working out the first week and the experience and confidence of the players was easy to see. The Rebels are anchored by about six or seven starters that have been in the line-up for the past two years, and this nucleus is determined to make the '95 season better than the previous two. It looks like the Rebels could be off to a good start.

***NEW BROCKTON GAMECOCKS** - Coach Keith Thrasher's Gamecocks reported in pretty good condition and the players were in good hard as the early drills rolled along. There was plenty of running and conditioning work for the squad, and the Gamecocks are already dedicated to making certain the '95 season is one they will remember. Don't write this bunch off, they may be a bad.

***KINSTON BULLDOGS** - Coach Mickey Jacobs greeted a smaller than expected squad for the opening of practice, but the enthusiasm was present and it was easy to tell that the '95 Bulldogs are much more confident than teams in years past. The Bulldogs have a roster filled with players that have grown up playing football, and that will make a difference when the whistle blows.

***BRANTLEY BULLDOGS** - It was like a reunion when Coach Roland Jones and his Bulldogs took to the field last week for the opening of pre-season practice. Brantley has lost some quality players since the state championship of 1993 and last season's 9-3 season; however, there are some familiar faces around and more than enough talent for a 2A club. Don't be surprised if these dogs come out growing.

IN CLOSING, ONCE OVER LIGHTLY....

***It came as no surprise last week when a so-called Alabama die-hard made it public that he had given auto accessories to some former Tide players. The Tide fan stated that the only reason he came public was to get the money the players owed him, since his business was having problems. The most recent accusations won't be the last, because as Auburn found out, a lot of folks like to kick you when you are down.

***Former Elba Tiger standout Jackie Stoudimire will play a major role in the Troy State defense this year when the Trojans kick off their season. Stoudimire, a 275-pound defensive tackle, is perhaps the most physical defensive player on the squad, and gives 110 percent on each and every play. It's good to see the former Elba player making the news.

***Anyone that watched Atlanta get whipped 9-3 by Cincinnati or 16-4 by Colorado can tell you that the Braves are far from being a dominating team. The Braves lost both games due to a lack of quality pitchers in the bullpen, a problem that has hurt the Braves for years, and showed once again that while Atlanta has three quality starters, the talent level drops off sharply from there.

***Former Enterprise and Coffee Springs coach Wayne Purvis died last week after a long bout with cancer, and while he may be gone from the sidelines, he will certainly never be forgotten. Coach Purvis was a colorful coach that wasn't scared to try different things, and was always entertaining, whether calling wild plays from the sidelines or shooting free-throws on the basketball court. Coach Purvis will always be remembered by all that saw him coach, and play, the games he so loved.

RACING RESULTS FROM SAMS

Following are the results of last week's races:

MINISTOCK

1st-Aquiles Ramirez, Ft. Rucker
2nd-Jimmy Prather, Dothan
3rd-Kenny Slawson, Enterprise

SCRAMBLER

1st-Royce Watson, Lawrence
2nd-Wayne Slawson, Enterprise
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1st-Kennie Perkins, Brundidge
2nd-David Scott, Troy
3rd-John Westfall, Opp

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1st-Eugene Bell, Opp
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Sports

In Class 3A, Area 3 race

Luverne & Elba should repeat 1-2 finish

This Area has long been one of the smallest in the state; however, it has also been one of the state's most successful as it has generated three state champions and one state runner-up in the past six years.

The Luverne Tigers (10-5, 2-0) claimed the Area crown last season with wins over Elba 14-12 and Louisville 49-8, and closed out the season with eight wins in its final ten games to finish second in the state in 3A circles.

Luverne's switch to the "run-and-shoot" offense was a key to the Tigers' late-season surge, and the high-powered offense was still very much evident in the spring as the Tigers scored 50 points against 5A

CLASS 3A, AREA 4		
Team	Overall Record '94	Area Record '94
Luverne *	10-5	2-0
Elba **	5-7	1-1
Louisville	3-7	0-2
(* denotes Area winner, ** denotes Area runner-up)		

Opp. Head coach Hutch Norman has brought back former-coach Glen Daniel to help stabilize the defense, and the Tigers have to be a heavy favorite to repeat as Area 4 champs this season.

The Elba Tigers (5-7, 1-1) stum-

bled a bit in Coach Mack Wood's final year at the Tiger helm after eighteen successful seasons, but the Tigers were still potent enough to make it to the third round of the state playoffs before being ousted by South Lamar. The Tigers saw

their Area 4 dominance end in a 14-12 loss to Luverne; however, a 54-0 romp over Louisville put Elba in the post-season party and helped Elba close out the '94 campaign with five wins in its final seven games.

Elba will be under the guidance of Coach David Lowrey, a six-year assistant under Wood, and the youthful head coach appears ready to create his own style with the black-and-gold Tigers. The Tigers made major changes on both offense and defense in the spring, and early fall work-outs, and Elba fans may not recognize the new-looking Tigers early in the '95 season. With a new head coach and two new assistants it will be obvious that the Tigers will be a changed club this season. However, with a stable of veteran players back on the roster, their winning ways should remain.

The Louisville Red Devils (3-7, 0-2) began to make strides toward becoming a respectable football team last season, that is everywhere except against their Area 4 foes, where Elba spanked the Devils 54-0 and Luverne posted an easy 49-8 win.

Despite the lopsided Area 4 losses and a defense that allowed almost 35 points per game, the wins over Alabama Christian, Clayton and St. Jude did provide building blocks, and Louisville fans hope the building of the program will continue in '95. Louisville should be an improved team this season and return to the playoffs at almost every position, but the Devils will have to pull off a shocker to be any kind of factor in the Area 4 race.

The Elba City Schools In-School Suspension Program consists of a supervised detention area during the school day. This program provides for an alternative school setting away from and separate from the regular classroom and student body. Students may be assigned to this program on either a short term (3 days) or long term (5 days) basis. Students assigned to ISS will not be allowed to associate with the student body during the period of time they are assigned to this program nor participate in sports, cheerleading, band or any other school activity, nor are they to go on school related trips or outings. Bathroom breaks and lunch breaks will be scheduled at a time that does not conflict with other breaks or lunch periods. Students will be under the constant supervision of the ISS supervisor.

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All students assigned to the ISS program will be assigned by the principal or assistant principal for reasons as stated in the Code of Conduct Guidelines given below:

Classification of Violations

Violations of the Code are divided into three classes: Class I - Minor, Class II - Major, and Class III - Terminal. Each classification is followed by a disciplinary procedure to be followed by the principal or his designee.

In the following classes of violations and disciplinary procedures, it is understood that the student will be provided with due process before any disciplinary action is taken.

CLASS I - MINOR OFFENSE

- 1.01 Distraction of other students - any behavior that alters the teaching process of the classroom or educational activity.
- 1.02 Quarreling, minor harassment.
- 1.03 Use of profane or obscene language.
- 1.04 Non-conformity to dress code - any dress that is disruptive to the educational setting or is a hazard to the health or safety of the student.
- 1.05 Minor misbehavior on a school bus.
- 1.06 Inappropriate public display of affection.
- 1.07 Gum chewing.
- 1.08 Eating or drinking in unauthorized areas.
- 1.09 Locker abuse, incidental defacement, littering of school property.
- 1.10 Possession of radios, tape players, cards, electronic games, etc. without written administrative approval.
- 1.11 Sitting in parked vehicle after arriving at school or returning to vehicle during the school day without permission.
- 1.12 Tardies - Procedures will be followed as outlined under "Tardies."
- 1.13 Minor physical conflicts - (ex: pushing, shoving) which stops when directed to do so. (It should be understood that the principal or his designee shall investigate all fights and make appropriate decisions concerning the roles of each participant).
- 1.14 Disrespectful behavior - or failure to follow specific instructions or school policies, disobedience.
- 1.15 Any other violation which in the discretion of the principal may deem reasonable to fall within this category after consideration of extenuating circumstances.

ELBA CITY SCHOOLS' CODE OF CONDUCT

Formal Disciplinary Actions

The following is a list of alternative methods for disciplinary action which may be administered by the school principal or his/her designee to students enrolled in the Elba City Schools:

A. SCHOOL BUS SUSPENSION

A student may be denied the privilege of riding a school bus because of misconduct on the bus for a reasonable and specified period of time. The parents/guardians will be notified in writing of the student's school bus suspension.

B. CORPORAL PUNISHMENT

The use of corporal punishment should follow the use of other corrective measures which have failed to improve student behavior. Prior to the administration of corporal punishment, the student shall be given an opportunity to explain his/her actions. When corporal punishment is required, it shall be administered with care, tact, and caution by the principal or teacher according to board policy. A second member of the professional staff shall be present to serve as witness and shall be informed of the reasons for the punishment prior to it being administered. Corporal punishment shall not be administered in the visual presence of other students.

All cases of corporal punishment shall be documented by the person administering the punishment. Included in this documentation should be written explanation of the reasons for the corporal punishment and the name of the witness.

Corporal punishment shall not be administered in the presence of visitors. No teacher is allowed to administer corporal punishment for another teacher.

C. OUT-OF-SCHOOL SUSPENSION

A student may be placed on out-of-school suspension by the principal. This disciplinary measure is the removal of a student from school for violation of school policies, rules or regulations, or for otherwise causing interference with or disruption of the orderly operation of the school. Situations which might dictate out-of-school suspension include: 1) procedure for expulsion of student being exercised; 2) presence of student poses an immediate and continuing threat to him/herself, others, and/or school property; 3) violation of school regulations. Procedures for out-of-school suspension will be enacted in accordance with Board policy.

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CLASS II - MAJOR OFFENSE

- 2.01 Illegal organizations - any attempt to use the school day for activities that are not school related or school sponsored.
- 2.02 *Gambling - any participation in games of chance for money and/or other things of value.
- 2.03 Defiance of School Board employee's authority - any verbal or non-verbal refusal to comply with lawful direction or order of a School Board employee.
- 2.04 Possession or use of tobacco products on campus - possession on the person, in the locker, or in the effects of a student.
- 2.05 *Vandalism - intentional and deliberate action resulting in injury or damage of less than \$50 to public property or the real or personal property of another.
- 2.06 *Stealing, larceny, petty theft - the intentional unlawful taking or carrying away of property valued at less than \$25 belonging to or in the possession or custody of another.
- 2.07 *Possession of stolen property with the knowledge that it is stolen.
- 2.08 *Threats, extortion - verbal or written or printed communication maliciously threatening an injury to the person, property or reputation of another.
- 2.09 *Trespassing - willfully entering or remaining in any school property without being authorized, licensed, or invited, or after having been authorized, licensed, or invited, refusing to depart when warned by an authorized person to do so.
- 2.10 Possession and/or igniting fireworks or firecrackers.
- 2.11 *Unjustified activation of a fire alarm system or fire extinguisher.
- 2.12 *Written or verbal proposition to engage in sexual acts.
- 2.13 Use of obscene behavior (verbal, written, gesture) toward another person.
- 2.14 *Use of possession of obscene and/or pornographic materials.
- 2.15 Directing obscene or profane language to a School Board employee.
- 2.16 Leaving class or campus without written permission.
- 2.17 Refusal to give name or intentionally giving false information to authorized person.
- 2.18 Cheating.
- 2.19 Misuse of lunch ticket.
- 2.20 Truancy - absence from school without principal and/or parental or legal guardian approval.
- 2.21 Speeding (exceeding campus speed limit) or reckless driving.
- 2.22 Any other violation which the principal may deem reasonable to fall within this category after consideration of extenuating circumstances.

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS FOR CLASS I OFFENSES

First Offense: In-school conference, disciplinary action by teacher and parental contact when warranted.

Second Offense: Parental contact when warranted and disciplinary action by the teacher.

Subsequent Offenses: Corporal punishment, refer to Administrative Office, In-School suspension.

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First Offense: In-School Suspension, 3 days.

Second Offense: Suspension, 3 days.

Third Offense: Suspension pending Administrative Hearing

*Indicates the offense which may be reported to the designated law enforcement agency using the appropriate administrative procedure.

CLASS III - SERIOUS/TERMINAL

3.01 Fighting - See No-Fight Policy on Page 15.

3.02 The use, possession, or sale - of any narcotics, illegal drugs, other controlled substances or alcoholic beverages on campus or during a school sponsored function or off-campus if the off-campus conduct has a direct and immediate effect on the discipline or general welfare of the school.

3.03 Arson - the willful and malicious burning of any part of School Board property.

3.04 Battery - upon a School board employee against his/her will, or the intentional causing of bodily harm to a School Board employee.

3.05 Robbery - the taking of money or other property which may be the subject of larceny from the person or custody of another by force, violence, assault, or by instilling the fear of same.

3.06 Stealing, larceny, grand theft - The intentional unlawful taking and/or carrying away of property valued at \$25 or more belonging to or in the possession or custody of another.

3.07 Burglary of school property - entering or remaining in a structure or conveyance with the intent to commit an offense therein during the hours the premises are closed to the public.

3.08 Criminal mischief - willful and malicious injury or damages at or in the excess of \$50 to public property; or to real or personal property belonging to another.

3.09 Possession of fire arms - any firearm (including a starter gun) which will, or is designed to, or may be readily converted to expel a projectile.

3.10 Unauthorized discharge of a pistol, rifle, shotgun, airgun or any device or any other weapon, instrument, or object.

3.11 Possession of weapon - knife, metallic knuckles, tear gas guns, chemical weapon or device, or any other instrument or object with the intent to be used as a weapon.

3.12 Bomb threats - any such communication which has the effect of interrupting the educational environment.

3.13 Explosions - possessing, preparing or igniting on School Board property explosives likely to cause bodily injury or property damage.

3.14 Sexual acts - acts of a sexual nature including, but not limited to battery, intercourse, attempted rape, or object.

3.15 Aggravated battery - intentionally causing great bodily harm, disability or permanent disfigurement, or the use of a deadly weapon.

3.16 Inciting or participating in a major student disorder - leading, encouraging or assisting in major disruptions which result in destruction or damage of property or public property or personal injury to participants or others.

3.17 Indecent exposure - intentional explicit exposure of private parts, "mooning" etc.

3.18 Assaults or threats directed toward a School Board employee.

3.19 Any other offense which the principal may deem reasonable to fall within this category.

DISCIPLINARY ACTION FOR CLASS III OFFENSES

1. Suspension with consideration of possible recommendation of expulsion by principal as authorized by procedures.

2. Notification and referral to Superintendent of Education for action.

3. Notification of law enforcement authorities by the principal.

The Elba City Board of Education is committed to providing an orderly, well disciplined environment in which students can attend school. The school administration is expected to implement this commitment. Students are expected to commit themselves at all times in a manner that will contribute to the best interest of the school system. Good discipline is extremely important to the total school program and is vital to the development of citizenship. It is anticipated that the most discipline problems can be handled between teacher, child, and parents/guardians in a calm, reasonable manner.

SUMMARY OF NEW BOARD POLICIES 1995-96

I. No Fight Policy - Should it be determined that a fight has occurred between two or more students, the principal shall immediately call the police department. After obtaining facts related to the incident and securing witnesses willing to testify in court, the police shall remove all students involved in the fight. School officials will file petitions with the Coffee County Juvenile Court against all students involved in the fight. A list of witnesses and sufficient documentation will be in place to support the charges in court. Every reasonable attempt will be made to notify parents of students involved in the fight before police are called.

II. Zero Tolerance Policy for Guns/Drugs - A) Any student found in possession of a fire arm shall be expelled from school for a minimum of one year. Same student shall be referred immediately to the juvenile court.

B) Any student found using, or in the possession of illegal drugs, alcoholic beverage, or other controlled substance on school property, or during any school sponsored event shall be immediately suspended from school and referred to the Board of Education for possible expulsion.

III. Safe/Secure Schools Policy - The Elba City Board of Education intends to provide a safe and secure learning environment for all students. In order to better provide this environment the board may employ the use of metal detectors and surveillance cameras. Training shall be provided to authorized persons in the use, maintenance, and storage of such equipment, tapes, and etc. Any information obtained through the use of this equipment shall be used only for school disciplinary or law enforcement purposes.

IV. Parental Responsibilities Act - The Elba City Board of Education, in concurrence with Act 93-672 of the Alabama State Legislature, State Code - § 16-28-12, establishes this policy:

Any parent, guardian, or other person having custody of any child enrolled in public schools who fails to require the child to properly conduct himself/herself in accordance with written policy of school behavior, and which conduct may result in suspension of the pupil shall be reported to the district attorney within 10 days. The district attorney shall vigorously enforce this section to ensure proper conduct by the student. Should the parent be found guilty, punishment shall not be more than one hundred dollars (\$100) and not more than 90 days hard labor for the county.

Please refer to student handbook for details.

In Class 2A, Area 3 wars

County teams looking for title

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that machine at the present time that we had to pull off and put on tape," said Mobley. "This has been done so that we can continue to function on a day-to-day basis."

"If somebody needs any of that old data, we have to stop and take something else off and reload that data in order to operate."

Mobley recommended that in lieu of up-grading the present system, two smaller systems be installed. One for the probate office and the other for the county commission office. This will create room for those remaining on the present system's expand.

He estimated that this could probably be accomplished at a cost of approximately \$35,000.00.

"To enhance the present county-wide system, according to the county's computer programmer, John Brim, you are looking at a \$60,000 or \$70,000 to up-grade to a larger machine," said Mobley.

Mobley asked for the commission's approval to proceed with the plan.

During the discussion of this matter, Commissioner Stephens expressed concern of not bidding the system update or expansion project.

Mobley told commissioners that according to the state's bid law, this does not have to be bid; however, it can be if the commission desires to do so.

Mobley stated that by making the proposed changes or modification, (addition of two smaller computer systems to the present one), Brim estimated the system's life would be five to seven years based on the county's present rate of growth.

The commission voted to follow the administrator's recommendation. Mobley is to be prepared to present definite prices for the commission's approval at the next meeting.

In other matters, the commission took the following action:

***Commissioner Robert Stephens presented a request from the family of Ms. Gladys Clark, former Circuit Clerk, that they be allowed to hang her portrait in the hall of the Elba Courthouse. Ms. Clark served as Coffee County Circuit Clerk for 36 years. The commission agreed to the request with the stipulation that anyone (elected official) with at least 36 years of service could make a similar request.

***Approved paying the county's juvenile probation officers' salary

through the remainder of the fiscal year. The vote was 6 to 1 with Commissioner Black casting the lone dissenting vote.

***Upon the recommendation of the landfill committee, the commission approved a credit application for use of the county landfill from Michael Patrick's Roofing of Elba.

***At the request of the Alabama State Revenue Department, the commission approved the "tentative" reappraisal budget submitted by Coffee County Revenue Commissioner Ronnie Burns. The budget figure is \$182,216.00 maximum.

***Approved a request by Commissioner Black that a new voting house be constructed at Bluff Springs.

***Committee composed of Commissioners Bernest Brooks, Bill Faulk, Robert Stephens and Jack Hanson was appointed to look into the possibility of purchasing the property adjoining the county's at the Farm Center Complex. The house and lot are located between the driveway leading to the county jail and the one that enters the county complex.

FILL

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general consensus of the board was that the vacancy could and should be filled by transferring a teacher within the system.

There also appeared to be concern on the part of some board members about their getting involved in the recommendation process.

"I feel that we should honor what our principals and other people who make the recommendations think, myself," said Harold Carroll. "And, I don't feel like we need to get engaged in recommending people we want employed."

After each board member had their say, the superintendent made the recommendation that Mrs. Sessions' transfer be approved. The board gave its approval.

Moving on to other personnel matters, the board granted a request by Linda Friedman that she be released from her contract due to personal reasons.

Blair Andress, upon the recommendation of Dr. Linda Ingram, was hired to replace Friedman. Andress will be teaching English at Zion Chapel High School.

Bridget Mock was granted a six-

weeks leave of absence at New Brockton.

Board members also approved the hiring of the following support personnel: Betty Etzel as an interpreter for the hearing impaired at Zion Chapel; two aides, Benji Hutchinson and Donna Cotter, to assist students at New Brockton with multiple handicaps; and a part-time lunchroom employee, Ethel Henderson.

Prior to adjourning, Supt. Bryant presented members of the board with a draft salary schedule for professional personnel.

He asked that they review the schedule and be prepared to act on the matter at the next board meeting, August 14.

Bryant stated that the salary increases would be funded with revenue received from the state.

He also noted that no provisions were made in the draft for support personnel. Bryant feels that the board should consider instituting an increase for them too. This would require local funding.

The board adjourned with business being completed in just over forty-five minutes.

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